



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes large amounts of narcotics in 24-hour period

*Seizures came from two traffic stops in different parts of the state*

On January 26, 2009, at 11:45 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officer stopped a 1997 Ford SUV for an equipment violation on Interstate 10 westbound at milepost 218 (near Picacho Peak). A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a false compartment which contained four fire extinguishers. Each canister contained 4.4 pounds of cocaine allowing DPS to seize a total of 17.6 pounds of cocaine and the vehicle following the traffic stop.

Arrested: Carlos Garcia-Real, 20, of Phoenix

Booked into the Pinal County Jail for possession of narcotic drugs

On January 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., DPS Officers stopped a blue Mercury Grand Marquis on Interstate 40 eastbound at milepost 255 (near Winslow) for following too closely and excessive window tint. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a half pound of methamphetamine which was concealed in the dashboard behind the stereo. The suspect vehicle was seized along with the methamphetamine and over \$1,000 in cash. The driver was booked into the Navajo County Jail for possession of narcotic drugs.

**\*photos of the cocaine seizure are available on request\***

“These are very significant seizures of dangerous drugs on opposite ends of the state during a 24 hour time period. Both of these started out as routine traffic stops made by very vigilant DPS Officers. We are making a difference every day towards keeping communities safer by disrupting the flow of narcotics,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of DPS.

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